

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has noted that the application contains claims directed more than one species of the generic invention. The species are as follows:

Species 1: represented by figure 3

Species 2: represented by figure 4

Species 3: represented by figure 6

Species 4: represented by figure 12

Species 5: represented by figure 14

Species 6: represented by figure 20

Species 7: represented by figure 27

Species 8: represented by figure 28

Species 9: represented by figure 29

Species 10: represented by figure 34

Species 11: represented by figure 37

Species 12: represented by figure 40

Species 13: represented by figure 43

This election/restriction requirement is respectfully traversed.

Interview Summary

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their representative, Donald G. Walker, during the telephonic interview conducted on October 30, 2009. During the interview, the Applicants pointed out that paragraph 1 of the Office Action states that the species are deemed to lack unity of invention because

they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The Applicants and the Examiner agreed that this is an incorrect standard relating to the present U.S. national phase application.

The Applicants further pointed out to the Examiner that the Office Action lacks a statement providing the reasons the Examiner has identified 13 different species. The Examiner and the Applicants agreed that the species election requirement is deficient for the above reasons. The Examiner agreed to withdraw the election/restriction requirement. The Examiner stated that he would not be issuing a replacement election/restriction requirement.

Withdrawal of the election restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Based on the Examiner's representations during the telephonic interview, the Applicants respectfully submit that this paper is completely responsive to the Office Communication mailed October 7, 2009.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to this response and interview summary, he is respectfully requested to personally contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1222 to further advance prosecution of the pending application.

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